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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE FROM USUN NOV. 9,

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SUBJECT: MALTESE DRAFT RES ON ELDERLY AND THE AGED, ITEM 58

1. MALTA HAS PASSED TO MIS-OFF DRAFT RES ON ITEM 58

QUESTION OF THE ELDERLY AND THE AGED. AS PER GASTON/

PICKER TELCON TEXT OF RES BEING TRANSMITTED HEREIN.

COMMITTEE 3 RESUMES CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM 12 NOVEMBER

AFTERNOON.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2842 (XXVI) OF 18 DECEMBER 1971

ON THE QUESTION OF THE ELDERLY AND THE AGED,

NOTING RESOLUTION 1751 (LIV) ON THE AGED AND SOCIAL SECURITY
ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON 16 MAY 1973,
BEARING IN MIND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
WHICH EMPHASIZES THE RESPECT OF THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF
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THE HUMAN PERSON,

BEARING IN MIND ALSO THAT THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS AND
WELFARE OF THE AGED IS ONE OF THE MAIN GOALS OF THE
DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE
AGED (A/9126) AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN,

DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS
OF THE AGED, THE CHANGES IN THE AGE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETIES,
AND THE CONSEQUENT INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF THE OLDER
SECTOR OF POPULATIONS,

1. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
REPORT ON THE AGED AND THE NOTE PREPARED BY THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ON THE HEALTH ASPECTS OF THE
AGED (A/9126 AND ANNEX III),

2. DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER STATES TO THE NEED
FOR LONG-TERM POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY,

3. RECOMMENDS TO GOVERNMENTS, IN FORMULATING THEIR
NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES REGARDING THE ELDERLY,
TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED IN THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL'S REPORT AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO:

(A) ENHANCE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ELDERLY TO SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
(B) DISCOURAGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES BASED
EXCLUSIVELY ON AGE,
(C) DEVELOP PROGRESSIVELY SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE
THAT THE AGED RECEIVE ADEQUATE INCOME,
(D) DEVELOP, AS REQUIRED, PROGRAMMES FOR THE WELFARE, PRO-
TECTION, AND RE-TRAINING OF OLDER PEOPLE, INCLUDING MEASURES
AIMED AT MAXIMIZING THEIR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR
SOCIAL INTEGRATION WITH OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WITH THE RESOURCES AT
HIS DISPOSAL AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES CONCERNED, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO:
(A) ASSIST GOVERNMENTS, AT THEIR REQUEST, ON QUESTIONS
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OF PLANNING FOR THE OLDER SECTOR OF THE POPULATION IN THE
CONTEXT OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND TO HELP
THEM DEVELOP THE MANPOWER NEEDED TO PROVIDE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS
IN THE FIELD OF AGING,
(B) CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE CHANGES
IN THE NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS OF THE AGED AND THEIR UNDER-
LYING DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS AND FOR THIS PURPOSE TO MAINTAIN
A SYSTEM OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON

AGING,

(C) UNDERTAKE STUDIES, DRAWING UPON THE EXPERTISE OF THE VARIOUS COMPETENT BODIES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, REGARDING THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS IN AGING,
(D) PROMOTE RESEARCH, AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS, FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND STANDARDS, PLANNING AND EVALUATION METHODS AND PRACTICAL ACTION IN THE FIELD OF AGING, AND
(E) COOPERATE WITH BILATERAL AND APPROPRIATE MULTILATERAL PROGRAMMES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AGING,

5. REQUESTS THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNED WITH AGING, THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, AND THE APPROPRIATE NGOS HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC, TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THIS TASK,

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION THROUGH THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECOSOC.

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